



Crop Weather Report

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Weather Summary

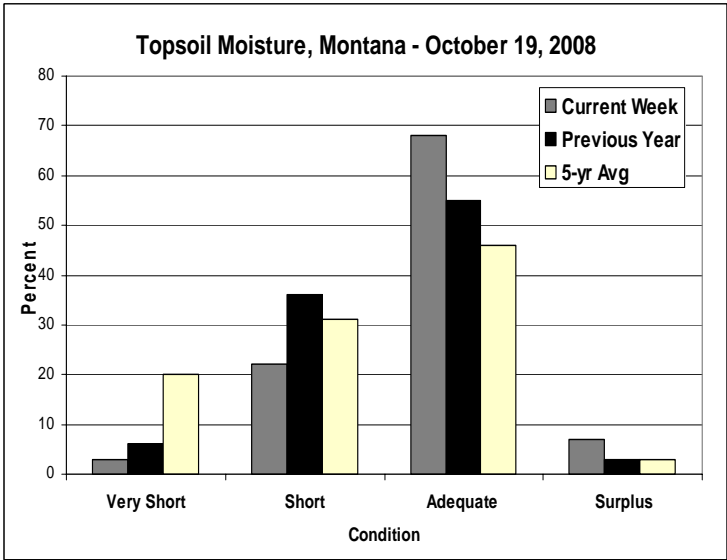
Montana received below normal precipitation for the week ending October 19th. Glasgow received the most weekly accumulated precipitation at 0.77 of an inch. Highs were mostly in the 60s and 70s, and lows were mostly in the teens and 20s. Hardin had the high temperature of 79 degrees, and Wisdom and Boulder shared the low of 6 degrees. Topsoil moisture adequate and surplus, at 75 percent, is above last week's 72 percent, last year's 58 percent, and the five-year average of 49 percent. Subsoil moisture adequate and surplus is 54 percent, down from last week's 56 percent, but above last year's 35 percent and the five-year average of 27 percent. The number of days suitable for field work was 4.6 days, down from the previous week's 5.7 days.

The weather outlook for October 27th through November 2nd is for above normal temperatures and near normal precipitation west of the continental divide and for above normal temperatures and above normal precipitation east of the divide. Normal temperatures for this period in Montana are highs in the lower 40s to the lower 50s and lows in the upper teens to the lower 30s.

Field Crops Report

Heavy snow storms delayed sugar beet harvest last week. Producers, which are behind on harvest this year, are hoping to finish harvesting beets before they freeze. Seventy-one percent of winter wheat has emerged, and forty-seven percent of the crop is in good to excellent condition. Corn condition is similar to last year and has improved compared to last week. Corn for silage harvest is almost complete.

Soil Moisture & Field Work Table	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Topsoil Moisture				
Very Short	3	6	6	20
Short	22	22	36	31
Adequate	68	66	55	46
Surplus	7	6	3	3
Subsoil Moisture				
Very Short	18	19	24	37
Short	28	25	41	36
Adequate	52	55	34	26
Surplus	2	1	1	1
Days Suitable for Fieldwork				
Days	4.6	5.7	5.8	5.3



Livestock Report

Recent moisture received during the month has improved range and pasture feed conditions. Thirty-six percent is rated good to excellent compared to 33 percent the previous week and 29 percent last year. Only 11 percent of livestock are receiving supplemental feed.

Crop Condition Table	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Corn				
Very Poor	1	1	0	n/a
Poor	1	3	4	n/a
Fair	13	16	11	n/a
Good	65	62	69	n/a
Excellent	20	18	16	n/a
Winter Wheat				
Very Poor	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Poor	3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fair	49	n/a	n/a	n/a
Good	42	n/a	n/a	n/a
Excellent	5	n/a	n/a	n/a

Crop Progress Table	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Planted				
Winter Wheat	96	93	95	96
Emerged				
Winter Wheat	71	56	70	65
Harvested				
Corn for Grain	4	3	28	18
Corn for Silage	99	85	100	97
Potatoes	79	63	85	85
Sugar Beets	54	53	78	62

Range & Livestock Table	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Range and Pasture Feed Condition				
Very Poor	8	14	15	20
Poor	17	18	19	24
Fair	39	35	37	34
Good	32	29	25	19
Excellent	4	4	4	3
Livestock Moved From Summer Ranges				
Cattle and Calves	66	66	64	68
Sheep and Lambs	72	72	71	71
Livestock Receiving Supplemental Feed				
Cattle and Calves	11	11	13	14
Sheep and Lambs	11	8	12	13

Weather Information for the Week ending 10/19/2008

Station ID						Precipitation								
	Temperature			GDDs		This Week		April 1 to Date			October 1 to Date			
	Hi	LOW	AVG	B50	DFN	Total	DFN	Total	DFN	%NRM	Total	DFN	%NRM	
NORTHWEST														
Alberton	66	25	43	1	+1	0.17	+0.02	9.06	+0.46	105	1.06	+0.55	208	
Anaconda	68	14	44	2	+2	0.01	-0.15	9.74	+0.24	103	0.60	+0.08	115	
Clinton	67	25	45	2	+2	0.15	-0.06	10.66	+2.44	130	0.45	-0.12	79	
Corvallis	73	23	45	3	+3	0.01	-0.13	5.52	-2.42	70	0.17	-0.32	35	
Creston	63	27	46	6	+6	0.08	-0.20	10.65	-2.09	84	0.51	-0.25	67	
Deer Lodge	69	15	41	0	+0	0.03	-0.11	7.79	-0.80	91	0.46	+0.06	115	
Drummond	67	18	41	0	+0	0.04	-0.10	8.84	+0.23	103	0.48	-0.02	96	
Hamilton	73	27	46	12	+12	0.00	-0.14	2.62	-5.42	33	0.00	-0.44	0	
Kalispell	64	24	47	7	+7	0.13	-0.08	8.54	-1.45	85	0.32	-0.25	56	
Missoula	68	29	46	5	+5	0.26	+0.11	7.38	-1.22	86	0.53	+0.02	104	
Olney	59	12	37	0	+0	0.28	-0.02	9.11	-2.54	78	0.98	+0.20	126	
Polson	69	26	47	11	+11	0.08	-0.13	10.16	-0.23	98	0.81	+0.15	123	
St Ignatius	72	25	49	13	+13	0.17	-0.11	10.89	-0.21	98	0.83	+0.07	109	
Seeley Lake	66	22	42	4	+4	0.01	-0.27	6.78	-3.12	68	0.28	-0.48	37	
Sula	69	17	43	1	+1	0.07	-0.20	9.18	-1.48	86	0.59	-0.10	86	
Superior	72	26	49	13	+12	0.02	-0.26	12.15	+3.25	137	0.40	-0.24	63	
Swan Lake	67	20	42	4	+4	0.28	-0.19	11.27	-2.15	84	0.54	-0.65	45	
Thompson Falls	66	28	48	10	+8	0.06	-0.31	8.54	-1.95	81	0.44	-0.47	48	
West Glacier	62	25	45	5	+5	0.11	-0.34	11.95	-2.40	83	0.45	-0.72	38	
NORTH CENTRAL														
Chester	69	19	44	12	+12	0.01	-0.10	10.15	+1.60	119	0.05	-0.30	14	
Chinook	72	19	41	3	+3	0.00	-0.14	11.71	+1.23	112	0.01	-0.45	2	
Choteau	70	16	45	13	+8	0.00	-0.14	11.21	+2.27	125	0.04	-0.34	11	
Cut Bank	67	17	44	14	+14	0.03	-0.06	12.32	+1.91	118	0.10	-0.23	30	
Ft Assinniboine	72	20	43	8	+8	0.12	-0.04	10.50	+0.18	102	0.12	-0.40	23	
Fort Benton	72	20	44	14	+7	0.18	-0.01	12.34	+1.75	117	0.28	-0.27	51	
Goldbutte	68	20	45	7	+7	0.09	-0.05	13.18	+2.12	119	0.13	-0.36	27	
Harlem	73	18	45	11	+11	0.10	-0.01	9.55	+0.05	101	0.22	-0.19	54	
Havre	73	20	46	25	+25	0.00	-0.14	8.80	+0.04	100	0.01	-0.39	3	
Malta	72	18	45	13	+13	0.21	+0.05	10.37	-0.09	99	1.13	+0.61	217	
Rudyard	69	21	42	8	+8	0.00	-0.09	11.47	+3.10	137	0.00	-0.33	0	
Shelby	68	15	44	10	+10	0.00	-0.14	10.50	+1.00	111	0.04	-0.34	11	
Turner	70	19	45	7	+7	0.00	-0.07	10.97	+1.65	118	0.43	+0.13	143	
Valier	64	20	45	7	+4	0.00	-0.14	10.14	-0.17	98	0.04	-0.35	10	
NORTHEAST														